## **WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

- 1. A gaming ticket assembly comprising:
- a thermal paper base stock having a first surface and a second surface said first surface 5 being thermally sensitive and said second surface be non thermally sensitive or thermally sensitive;
  - a silicone coating covering said first surface of said thermal paper base stock; an adhesive coating covering said silicone coating;
  - a polymeric film having a opaque barrier area, said polymeric film being releasably attached to said adhesive coating; and
    - a protective coating covering said polymeric film.
    - 2. The gaming ticket according to claim 1 wherein said silicone coating is curable by irradiation.
    - 3. The gaming ticket according to claim 1 wherein said opaque barrier is a metallized film applied to said polymeric film.
- 4. The gaming ticket according to claim 1 wherein said silicone coating is formed from a epoxy silicone co-polymer.
  - 5. The gaming ticket according to claim 1 wherein said protective coating is selected from the group consisting of inks, urethanes, varnishes and silicone.
- 25 6. The gaming ticket according to claim 1 wherein said opaque barrier masks gaming information.
  - 7. The gaming ticket according to claim 1 wherein said polymeric film is receptive to a color printing process.

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- 8. The gaming ticket according to claim 1 wherein said gaming ticket is used for instant lottery tickets.
- 9. The gaming ticket according to claim 1 wherein said gaming ticket includes a5 notched portion.
  - 10. A method of producing gaming ticket stock comprising the steps of: providing a thermal paper base sheet having a thermal sensitive surface and a non thermal sensitive surface;

10 coating said thermal sensitive surface with a silicone coating;

applying an adhesive coating to said silicone coating;

attaching a polymeric film to said adhesive coating, said polymeric film having an opaque barrier area;

applying printed graphics to said polymeric film; and coating said polymeric film with a protective coating.

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- 11. The method of producing a gaming ticket according to claim 10 wherein said opaque barrier is formed by a metallized film, ink, or an opaque film.
- 20 12. The method of producing a gaming ticket according to claim 10 wherein said opaque barrier area masks thermally imprinted gaming information.
  - 13. The method of producing a gaming ticket according to claim 10 wherein said silicone coating is an epoxy silicone coating that is curable by irradiation.
  - 14. The method of producing a gaming ticket according to claim 10 wherein said opaque barrier is created by a permanent occluding ink.
- The method of producing a gaming ticket according to claim 10 furthercomprising a step of printing graphics on said non thermal surface of said thermal paper base stock.

- 16. The method of producing a gaming ticket according to claim 10 wherein said printing graphics are performed with one or more color ink process.
- 5 The method of producing a gaming ticket according to claim 10 further comprising the step of printing a printing clue block on said polymeric film.
  - 18. The method of producing a gaming ticket stock according to claim 10 wherein said gaming ticket stock is used for instant lottery tickets.
  - 19. A method of vending an instant gaming ticket stock comprising the steps of: producing a multi-layered gaming ticket according to claim 10 and further including the steps of:

inserting said multi-layered gaming ticket into a computerized gaming machine; imprinting said multi-layered gaming ticket with game of chance outcome information below said opaque barrier said outcome information containing an unique identifier with thermal printing means; and

selling said imprinted ticket to a player.

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20. The method of producing a gaming ticket stock according to claim 10 wherein said thermal paper base sheet includes a notched portion.